

Documents on Diplomacy: Resources

Explanation of Debate Format

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| 1 | 1st Speaker: Opening Speech (Introduction)
4th Speaker: Rebuttal
6th Speaker: Closing Questions | 2nd Speaker: Opening Speech (Introduction)
3rd Speaker: Rebuttal
5th Speaker: Closing Questions |
| 2 | OPENING SPEECHES
The first speaker for each side will present a prepared speech detailing ALL of that side's arguments—supported by evidence when necessary. You may use quotes, statistics, etc.
Time allotted: 5 minutes per speaker. | |
| 3 | REBUTTALS
The second speaker for each side will rebut the arguments presented in the opponent's opening speech, and these speakers should address and counter EACH of the arguments presented by the opposition. Prior to each rebuttal, carefully list the main arguments presented by the opponent. Approximately 3 minutes will be given for Speakers 3 and 4 to prepare rebuttal arguments. Points are earned based on how well each argument is countered. Time allotted: 5 minutes per speaker. | |
| 4 | CLOSING
The final speaker will summarize the key points of information for additional emphasis. No new arguments can be presented.
Time allotted: 2–3 minutes per speaker. | |
| 5 | QUESTIONS
Judge will clarify arguments if necessary, by questioning each side.
Time allotted: 5 minutes. | |
| 6 | The remainder of the class will serve as judges and determine the winning side, based on the validity of the arguments presented and rebutted. | |